

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Canton Park District Board of Commissioners**

**May 16, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

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President Stephenson called the Regular meeting of the Canton Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Donaldson Center.

A. GENERAL FUNCTION.

- A.1 Roll call was taken with Commissioners Stephenson, Wheeler, Kuzniar, Walters and Buckley present. Also present were Director Johnson, Superintendent Murphy, Recreation Manager Moring, and Office Manager Walljasper. Canton Mayor, Jeff Fritz and Canton City Attorney Nancy Rabel joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.
- A.2 Commissioner Kuzniar made the motion to approve the minutes from the Regular and Executive Session Meetings of April 18, with a second from Commissioner Walters. Motion carried.
- A.3 Commissioner Kuzniar made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursements with a second from Commissioner Buckley. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- A.4 Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the Financial Statements with a second from Commissioner Kuzniar. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

B. BOARD REPORT.

I. Reorganization:

President Stephenson turned the meeting over to Director Johnson as acting chairman for the annual reorganization.

Director Johnson asked for approval of the Slate of Officers as follows:
Kevin R. Stephenson, President, Brent C. Wheeler, Vice President and Marion M. Kuzniar, Secretary. After hearing no other nominations for the office of President, Vice President or Secretary, Director Johnson

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President Stephenson asked for a discussion about legal representation for the district. Attorney Beal said that nothing would change from the current contract from his office, and excused himself from the meeting for discussion. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to renew the contract for legal services with Beal Law office for one (1) year as long as there are no changes in rates, with a second from Commissioner Kuzniar. Motion carried.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to appoint Director Johnson as District Treasurer with no additional compensation with a second from Commissioner Walters. Motion carried.

II. Airport:

- C. Director Johnson reported that all hangars are currently rented and that there are four (4) people on the waiting list.
- F. Director Johnson attended the Illinois Aviation Conference in Murphysboro on May 4th and 5th. He met with SIU Student Advisor and discussed bringing an aviation student on as an intern. The largest topic during the conference was Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) which include drones, rc planes, etc. The FAA is currently working on update rules to govern the use of UAS.
- G. Director Johnson reported that Ingersoll Airport was chosen as a test site for new mid-markings on the runways. The new markings show the ½ way point of each runway. The markings on the North-South runway have been finished and the East-West runway should be done within a week.

III. Parks:

- B. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the purchase of two RRFB visual warning light systems with push button and pedestrian sensors for the Wallace Park to Lakeland Park Trail for the crossings at Locust and Avenue F and French Court and West Vine, with a second from Commissioner Walters. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- D. After discussion of submitting a grant application for the new cycle of ITEP Grant cycle which ends on June 17th Commissioner Kuzniar made the motion to allow Director Johnson to submit the application for the possible acquisition of the BNSF railroad, with a second from Commissioner Wheeler. Motion did not carry.
- F. Canton Mayor, Jeff Fritz and Canton City Attorney answered questions about the extension of the City TIF District #1. After discussion of the extension President Stephenson made the motion to write a letter of support for the extension of the City of Canton TIF District #1, with no second the motion did not carry. President Stephenson the asked if any other motions on the subject would be offered, after hearing none, he moved on to the next item on the agenda.
- G. Director Johnson reported that Myers & Myers CPA is currently conducting the required annual audit for FYE2015. Through their research, they concluded we will not need a Single Federal Audit in addition to our normal audit. This will save the District \$7,500.00.

IV. Recreation:

- A. Recreation Manager Moring gave an overview of activities that have been held in the past month at the Gary G. Baker Recreation Center. The Big Creek Park Pool will open for the season on Saturday May 28, 2016.
- B. Youth Baseball and Softball leagues are scheduled to start May 23, 2016. The registration numbers are T-Ball 143, Boys Midget 132, Boys Mid-Major 55, Boys County 14, and Girls Midget 70.

- C. Director Johnson in cooperation with the Canton Family YMCA, applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the National Recreation and park Association. The grant is an Out-of-School Time program designed to provide a Summer Food Service Program free of charge to youth (18 and under). The program will take place at Wallace Park June 1st through August 16th from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- D. Director Johnson submitted a story on the Veterans Memorial to the 50 Plus News & Views. The story will be published in their May, 2016 Peoria addition copies of the publication are available at the Gary G. Baker Recreation Center.

V. Executive Session:

- B. President Stephenson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 § (c)(1) at 7:15 p.m., with a second from Commissioner Kuzniar. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

With no further discussion or action Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to adjourn from executive session about personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 § (c)(1) at 7:28 p.m., with a second from Commissioner Kuzniar. Roll call vote was taken with (5) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

VI. Future Agenda Items.

Estimated cost of resurfacing the trail at Lakeland Park.

With there being no further discussion Commissioner Kuzniar made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Walters. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for:

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 Canton Park District
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